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I do not know how to ask for forgiveness in my neglect in writing to you, as you once said it is surely the curse & I suppose old age, I have gone down very much in the last year or more. I have lost a lot of weight at least 45 or 50 lbs. I eat my regular meals but am never inclined to eat. I could go all day without a meal. (Maybe a good candidate for a hunger strike) but I don't plan it right now. I was so nice to hear about all those old friends you mentioned. I also got a kick out of, Eileen Giorgio Samoylov.

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I never knew where it was composed before
do cuala tu yá b'paca tu spain doo
S'prios in Éireann map p'uide yá doo
Tom A'Lee an S'ceisi b'HRed & amon
I think it was more a recitation than
a song. Mick Coyne I know used to
recite it. Was not much a great old
gardai do you know if it was true
that from a G'nd'p'ing o D'p'oy'g'ean took
the J. R. B oath from Seán Macdúgáin
when he visited the old Gaelic League
I think Malachy Hanly told me that.

I remember a man from Dublin
visiting the Gaelic League & after the
rebellion Padraig asked me if I remember
the Dublin man that visited it was
then that I was told it was Seán Mac
You remember that our old Singers
club was called after him I remember

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wearing a Sean Mac badge in my lapel
many things have happened since then days
& Ireland is still struggling to have Sean
ideals come true Damn your Concessions
give us our country. I was sorry to
hear about poor Mills death I had heard
it before I received your letter as you said
he was a good hardy young man & one
who worked hard & smoked about ounce
of Tobacco daily. Half my world passed
away when Mattie Griffin died. I talked
to him ^{phone} 2 days before he told me he had
a tough fight but he thought he had it beat
I had a couple of tough weeks the same
time I was not out for St Patricks Day
activities. Matt used to come to visit as
very often he used to take Kennedy &
the two wives & of course we would have
a bottle & I am sure you could guess
what our main subject would be.

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my wife thought matty was a little god &
was heartbroken for his death. I think Matty
was the best liked Irishman in Oak. He went
to all affairs wakes funerals weddings game
parties. He had a car & made use of it
to visit all those places that he enjoyed.
Poor Kennedy is not well he has been
in the hospital the 2nd time since Matty
died & Lily is getting pretty feeble too.
I passed (as I am sure you know) my
4 score on Mar 20th 72 & Kennedy is 14
months older 81 in Jan 72. We had a
Football team Galway Boston played here
last Sunday week they had 2 players from
Moycullen. I was there but only had a
few words with one of the players.
Before the game he was from Corofin
You remember we played Ardally which was
(Corofin) in Claregalway I think in 1917.

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at the end of regulation time the score was tied Galway 14, 7 Pts Pgh 10 Pts it started to pour down rain at the end so I left they played an extra 2.15 min + Boston got 8 Pts Pgh 6 in score Galway 18 Pgh 16. It was a Divisional Championship

I don't like to talk about the Northern trouble it is heartbreaker I did not have much confidence in this last time I did not expect that it would work.

it must be hell upon earth up there now. There was a Sean Keenan ^{1. RA} here last Sat night he spoke at the Irish Center it was sponsored by Pgh Northern Aid Committee I could not go it is held in the other side of the city + is too late for me I do belong to the Nor Aid Committee + will send a few nickels there later

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I hope Tom's you will forgive me
for my long silence & will find time
to send me some news for everything
you write about people places & events
from there interest me. Thank you
for your nice remarks about my wife
she can get around pretty good now
she uses a cane when she goes out
she does all her work around the house
she get pain when the weather
changes which is quite often
Best regards
Do Sears can't did you mean.